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1. INQUIRIES AT LOCAL OUTLETS LIKELY TO HANDLE OCTOPUS AND
CNAVAS OF LOCAL GROCERY SHELVES INDICATE THAT PRODUCT IS NOT
SOLD ON COMMERCIAL MARKET IN NOUAKCHOTT.

2. THE CAP BLANC AREA OF NOUADHIBOU IS CONSIDERED A PRIME
BRDING GROUND FOR OCTOPUS AND 13,854 TONS WERE LANDED AND
FROZEN IN 1974 FOR EXPORT AT NOUADHIBOU FOR SALE PRICE OF 24 TO
27 US CENTS PER KILO. GREEK SHIPS ARE SAID TO SPECIALIZE IN
FISHING FOR OCTOPUS, BUT NO ECENT DATA IS AVAILABLE,AND
INFORMED SOURCES REPORT THAT THE MAJORITY OF THE CATCH IS PROBABLY
NOT EVEN LANDED IN MAURITANIA. SOME OCTOPUS MAY BE SOLD IN
NOUAKCHOTT FOR USE AS BAIT BUT THERE IS NO EVIDENCE THAT IS
IS CONSUMED MY MAURITANIANS.

3. MAURITANIANS HAVE INCREASED THEIR SURVEILLANCE OF LOCAL
FISHING WATERS RECENTLY, AND WOULD LIKE TO ENOORCE BILATERAL
AGREEMENTS STIPULATING THAT FIXED PERCENTAGES OF THE CATCH BE
PROCESSED AT NOUADHIBOU. REPORT ON FISHING RESTRICTIONS
FOLLOWS (SEPTTEL).

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